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VIDEO DECODING METHOD, )  
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VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM, )  
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PROGRAM )

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby amend the allowed claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this communication.